

CUMMINGS' KEY-NOTE SPEECH PRAISES ACHIEVEMENTS OF DEMOCRACY

Comes Out For Ratification Of Peace Treaty And Tells Of Party's
Wonderful War Record—Attacks Republican
Platform.

San Francisco, June 29.—Assembling at noon Monday for their first session, delegates to the national Democratic convention heard a keynote speech by National Chairman Cummings and perfected preliminaries clearing the way for the real work of finding a presidential candidate. Chairman Cummings' speech was devoted largely to the League of Nations and a defense of the Wilson administration.

Twelve o'clock, noon, was fixed for the opening, but hours before ticket holders gathered in the spacious building, which for the occasion seats more than 12,000 persons. Those who did not hold tickets were barred from approaching the main entrance by fences hidden by a screen of California evergreens. Decorations of the convention hall were simple and tasteful, with the Stars and Stripes as the dominant feature of the beautiful display.

The seats of the 1,092 delegates were compactly assembled close to the platform and stretched almost across the width of the hall. Here and there stood the state and territorial standards, made of California redwood, showing the locations of the delegations. Directly behind were the seats of the alternates and all about them in almost a perfect circle were places for more than 10,000 other persons.

With the exception of a patriotic touch given at the start by the presenting of the colors by a detachment of Marines, the opening preliminaries were not unlike those of prior conventions. The outstanding feature on the program was the keynote speech understood to have had the approval of President Wilson.

With the preliminaries over the four big convention committees promptly got down to work. The greatest interest, as usual, centered in the committee on resolutions, where the party issues were to be fought out with good prospects that some of them will reach the convention floor for final decision.

In the meantime managers of presidential booms were keeping in touch with delegates and working for position in the early balloting.

The keynote speech of Homer S. Cummings as temporary chairman, was the principal feature of the day's program. Later in the day, the newly selected convention committees were to furnish the first real development as they began their tasks of writing the platform, hearing appeals from contests over delegate seats and making up the convention rules and a slate of permanent convention officers.

The liveliest subject in minds of the delegates manifestly was the impending prohibition fight, but talk of candidates was gaining more and more attention as the rival managers got

H. S. CUMMINGS



Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee, chosen as temporary chairman of the Democratic national convention.

down to cases with the big body of uninstructed and unpledged delegates. Monday, for the first time, the entire convention personnel was here and the opposing elements were taking definite bearings.

The latest turn of the McAdoo boom furnished a new angle to the convention preliminaries, but its precise effect on the relative situation of the candidates was not yet clear. Announcement that the former secretary of the treasury, despite his declaration that he did not want the nomination, would be willing to accept it, was variously accepted by the several elements in the fight.

By some it was declared the development meant that McAdoo, whose supporters hitherto had planned to keep him in the background for several ballots, now would be an active contender from the start and that, in consequence, the convention, like that of the Republicans at Chicago, "would have a big three" running close together at the opening roll call.

The possibility of such a development brought renewed claims of consistent gains from the supporters of Palmer and Cox, and set the dark horses champing impatiently as they recalled what happened to the big three at Chicago.

The Palmer and Cox managers sought to discount the apparent significance of the McAdoo announcement, which was made last night by National Committeeman Love, of Texas, without saying whether he had any direct authorization from Mr. McAdoo. It was apparent, however, that many of the McAdoo workers who have been canvassing for votes without much organization or system accepted the statement of Mr. Love at its face value.

Among the best informed politicians the general opinion was that it still was too early to definitely forecast what would happen. They suggested that the Love statement only put the technical situation back where it was when Mr. McAdoo announced recently that he did not care to be considered a candidate. At that time both Attorney-General Palmer and Governor Cox were active candidates and their supporters were claiming victory.

In the pre-convention scramble for delegates many of those who had

DR. COX TO HAVE CHARGE OF CLINIC

Will Be Physician In Charge of Free
Veneral Clinic Here—Open
July Sixth.

Dr. J. W. Cox has been appointed physician in charge of the free clinic which will be opened in the First State Bank building next Wednesday, July 6.

Appointment of Dr. Cox was announced yesterday by Dr. W. S. Stone, special government clinic organizer who is here arranging for the opening of the Columbus clinic.

Dr. Stone stated yesterday that the equipment for the clinic had arrived and that it would be placed and ready for use by the opening date.

Two trained and experienced nurses, a man and a woman, will be on full time duty at the clinic and that Dr. Cox would only devote a portion of his time to the work. He is to act in an advisory capacity and render medical attention when it is needed.

Dr. Stone stated that the equipment for the Columbus clinic is as complete and as fine as any in use in the country. It is valued at more than a thousand dollars.

The clinic will be located on the fourth floor of the First State Bank building, and all consultation and treatment is free to those who are unable to pay for treatment.

After getting the work well under way here Dr. Stone goes to other communities to superintend the organizational work of other clinics.

The clinic here is made possible by the co-operation of the city and county with the United States public Health Service.

SOME "DARK HORSES" IN THE FRISCO PADDOCK

E. T. MEREDITH



G. M. HITCHCOCK



THOMAS R. MARSHALL



WILLIAM J. BRYAN



WHILE THE INTEREST AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IS CENTERING ON COX AND McADOO AND PALMER AS THE LEADERS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION HANDICAP, THERE ARE "DARK HORSES" THAT LOOM UP IN THE BACKGROUND, AND ANOTHER HARDING COUP MAY RESULT.

KNOW YOUR OWN CITY, DO YOU KNOW THAT?

By V. B. Imes.

Sunday is Independence Day.

Little leaks will sink big ships.

West Point will play baseball here Monday.

The Fourth will be celebrated on the Fifth.

A free veneral clinic opens in Columbus July 7.

What has become of the o. t. girl who used to faint?

Some people are so narrow minded that their ears rub together.

"In the Evening by the Moonlight," they were making moonshine.

The dairy association is offering prizes for the best herd production.

Today is the 182nd. day of the year. The sun rises at 4:41 and sets at 7:26.

The fellow who doesn't advertise may know his business, but nobody else does.

Pecans are being grown successfully in this section, bearing in two years' time.

Pleading guilt in the lower courts does not always give immunity from the higher courts.

Yesterday, three years ago, June 29, 1917, Greece entered the war against Germany and her Allies.

In a few years we will be able to understand what the movie actors are saying by the motion of their lips.

Two big manifest freight trains are made-up in Columbus every night—through double headers to the East and the West.

A government expert went with a Lowndes county farmer to his cotton field to show him how to get rid of the boll weevil. His remedy was not to plant any cotton.

About ten trains of delegates chased the Illinois special across the continent to Frisco, the word having gone out that there was something on the Illinois train besides delegates.

TEA AT ARTESIA THIS EVENING

The ladies of the Episcopal Church at Artesia, will give a tea this evening on the J. V. Mitchell lawn to which the public is most cordially invited. The hour of the luncheon will be from seven to ten o'clock and they will serve chicken salad, sandwiches, ice tea and ice cream and the charge will be most reasonable. The entertainment is a benefit for the new church at Artesia and a cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

It is a pleasant drive to Artesia and the outdoor luncheon will give the people of this city an opportunity to enjoy a delightful drive and a good luncheon at a small cost, all in aid of a most worthy cause.

DEMOCRACY'S GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT WILSON

Auditorium, San Francisco, June 29.—The Democratic national convention Monday, on motion of Gov. Gardner of Missouri, directed Chairman Cummings to send to President Wilson a message of their appreciation and greetings which was unanimously adopted by the convention.

The resolution, adopted just before adjournment, praised the achievements of the president in the conduct of the war, "rejoiced in the recovery of the president's health and strength," and "deeply resented the malignant onset" of the president's partisan foes.

The telegram to the president sent by Chairman Cummings follows:

"In recognition of the fact that the mantle of Jackson and Jefferson has fallen on your shoulders as the unquestioned leader of our party, the hosts of Democracy in national convention assembled, have directed me to send you the following resolution of appreciation and greeting:

"The Democratic party, assembled in national convention, extends to the president of the United States its admiring and respectful greetings.

"For seven of the most fateful years in the history of our country, Woodrow Wilson has occupied and by his character, learning and power, has adorned the highest office in the gift of his countrymen.

"He has initiated and secured the adoption of great progressive measures of immeasurable value and benefit to the people of the United States.

"As the commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States he has led the patriotic forces of his country through the most momentous struggle in history, and without check, reverse or retardation, to an honorable part in the immortal victory for liberty and Democracy, won by the free nations of the world.

"We hail these achievements, sir, and are proud that they have been accomplished under your administration.

"We rejoice in the recovery of your health and strength after months of suffering and affliction which you have borne with courage and without complaint.

"We deeply resent the malignant onset which you have most undeservedly been called upon to sustain from partisan foes, whose judgment is warped and whose perceptions are obscured by a party malice, which constitutes a lamentable and disgraceful page in our history.

"At this moment, when the delegates to this convention from every state in the Union are about to enter upon their formal proceedings we pause to send an expression of cheer and admiration and of congratulation.

"We rejoice and felicitate you upon your speedy recovery from your recent illness and congratulate America that though temporarily broken in body you have been able with unclouded vision and undaunted courage to press on for the peace throughout the world in the interest of humanity and the advancement of civilization. Long may you live to serve America and the world."

MR. STRIBLING IS MUCH ENCOURAGED

Hon. W. P. Stribling, candidate for Congress from the First Congressional District of Mississippi, returned home Sunday from North Mississippi, where he has been campaigning for ten days. He met the people of Tishomingo and Alcorn counties, and as a result of his visit he is very much encouraged over his prospects and feels confident that he will go into the second primary with fine chances of winning.

Mr. Stribling will visit Noxubee and Monroe counties next.

Miss Leonora Catchings Potts, of Monroe, La., is visiting Miss Willie Potts at her home near Crawford.

Major J. C. Persons, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., spent last Monday in the city on business.

Congratulations To...

Henry H. Gunter, Jr., 5 years of age today.

Kathleen Chambely, 5 years of age yesterday.

Mr. W. C. Watson, postoffice inspector, spent the Sabbath in this city with his wife and son.

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ONE-ARM MAN ESCAPES JAIL

J. E. BERRY, WHITE MAN,
HELD FOR FORGERY,
FLEES.

IN DAY TIME

Escaped On Sabbath—Was Being Held Here For Safe Keeping—Under Charge In West Point.

J. E. Berry, a white man, who was brought to this city about two months ago from West Point for safe keeping, escaped from the county jail Sunday morning about 11 o'clock.

Deputy Sheriff Foreman and Sheriff West immediately instituted a search for Berry and he was located and apprehended at Parish, Alabama, Sunday night shortly after midnight. After leaving the jail he made his way to the Southern Railway yards and caught the eastbound manifest freight which makes-up in Columbus. The conductor was notified of Berry's escape and asked to keep a look-out for him. He was located on the train in a box car after it was well away from Columbus and at Parish officers were notified and his arrest effected.

Berry is charged with forgery and his trial is scheduled to come up at the next term of circuit court in Clay county. He had given the West Point authorities quite a bit of trouble and came very near effecting a jail delivery on occasion over there. He was brought to Columbus for safe keeping, and after remaining here two months saw his opportunity to get away and took advantage of it.

Berry was kept confined in his cell and Sunday morning Jail Keeper W. W. Sharp let him out in the cell chamber to take a bath. Evidently the chamber door was not securely fastened and when this became known to Berry he called to Mr. Sharp to get him a package of cigarettes. When the jailer had left the building Berry proceeded to effect his getaway. It is believed he had little trouble in pushing the unfastened lock back, and this done escape was easy.

He got out of the building through a barred window which a negro saved through more than a year ago and which has never been repaired. Once out in the jail yard he had smooth sailing. He went out through the back yard of Mr. Roderick Funk on Sixth street and up Sixth in the direction of Franklin Academy.

Berry had only one hand, the other being cut off just above the wrist. He is tall and lanky and was easily identified.

His wife is in Beaumont, Texas, and he received frequent letters from her. The Clay county authorities cautioned the sheriff here not to allow his wife to see him as it is their belief that she furnished him the tools by which he came very near making his escape in West Point. She was in West Point during the period of his confinement there.

MR. MAGRUDER HERE.

Hon. W. W. Magruder, prominent lawyer of Starkville, and a candidate for Congress from this district, was mingling with friends and the people generally in Columbus yesterday. Mr. Magruder has many warm friends in this city and county and he was most cordially greeted.

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

From your chin down you are worth a dollar and a half a day. From your chin up, you are worth—anything. There's no limit. Without your headpiece you are just as animal, and about as valuable as a horse—maybe.

You have a mistaken idea. You think you are paid for your work. You are not. You are paid for what you think while you work. It's the kind of brain that directs your hands that gives you rating.

Do you know that the gist of culture consists in transferring one's habitual amusement from below to above the nose? —Do, Frank Crane in the Au Sable News.

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